

STILLMAN DIVORCE COMES TO DAY; BOTH SIDES READY

Attorneys Say They Will
Present Arguments on
Alimony This Morning.

TELLS OF \$150,000 GIFT

Friend of Florence Leeds
Says It Was Deposited
to Latter's Credit.

TITIAN HAIR EXPLAINED

Brown Locks Were Dyed to
Captivate Banker, Friend
Also Recounts.

With Mrs. Anne T. Stillman's application for alimony and counsel fee set down for argument before Supreme Court Justice Morechauser at White Plains to-morrow, and attorneys for Mrs. Stillman and her husband, James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank, declaring that there will be no further delays in the court proceedings, several new and interesting sidelights on the couple's domestic troubles were revealed yesterday.

A young woman known in social circles in which the Stillmans moved, but who asked that her name be kept out of the case, informed *The New York Herald* that the banker and his wife had separated for a while in 1913. At that time, however, the elder James A. Stillman was living, and if the report is true it may be due to his friendship for his daughter-in-law that a permanent rupture was forestalled at that time, as Mrs. Stillman is said to have been a favorite with her husband's father.

Saw Slip for \$150,000.

A young woman friend of "Mrs. Florence Leeds" was reported as having stated that this former "banker's wife" had exhibited to her a slip showing that \$150,000 in securities had been deposited to her credit with an upstart trust company, and to have stated that she was a view to capturing Mr. Stillman that the "Leeds" girl dyed her brown hair a Titian red immediately before her first meeting with him.

It was learned that in their application to compel the banker to pay his wife \$10,000 a month alimony pending the outcome of the divorce action, and \$25,000 as counsel fees, Mrs. Stillman's attorneys will submit to the court evidence relating to sums of money expended by Mr. Stillman on the upkeep of the 125-foot steam yacht which has been lying off Miami, where Mrs. Leeds also was staying until a few days ago.

A letter said to have been written by Mrs. Stillman to her husband in the spring of 1918 is reported to be part of the evidence which Mrs. Stillman's attorneys may present in court in substantiation of the allegations contained in the banker's original complaint in the divorce action.

Any attempt to introduce this letter as evidence will be opposed by Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and John F. Brennan, attorneys for Mrs. Stillman. It was learned yesterday, on the ground that it is a confidential communication between husband and wife, which they will contend, is excluded by Section 531 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Mrs. Stillman's lawyers know that this letter is in the hands of Nicolai, Anabelle, Fuller & Sullivan, legal representatives of her husband. They will claim that Mr. Stillman knew no more when he began the divorce action last July than he did in the spring of 1918.

May Summon Daughter's Friend.

It has been ascertained that the letter is not attached to Mrs. Stillman's complaint but, reference is made to it in the moving papers in the action. Mrs. Stillman is reported to have completely forgotten about it until its existence was hinted at in the papers served on her and her twenty-eight months' old son, Guy, aboard the White Star liner Olympic on July 8 last.

One of the witnesses on whom Mrs. Stillman's attorneys are counting to prove that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman lived together after the writing of this letter is H. Phelps Clawson, of Buffalo, who is said to have been attentive to Miss Anne E. Stillman, the banker's daughter.

Another witness on whom Mrs. Stillman counts to establish her contention that her husband is the father of Guy Leeds, 31 months old son of Florence Leeds, is a nurse who is alleged to have been present at the Leeds apartment, 84 East Eighty-sixth street, when the child was born. This nurse, in an affidavit now in the possession of Mrs. Stillman's attorneys, is said to have sworn that Mr. Stillman was present in the apartment at that time. She knew him then, it is alleged, as "Leeds of the Secret Service."

Cornelius J. Sullivan, one of Mr. Stillman's attorneys, asserted yesterday that he did not think it at all likely the banker would be required to take the witness stand and submit to public cross examination concerning his financial resources upon the motion for alimony and counsel fee. He said he intended going to White Plains to-morrow with Deane McColl for the purpose of arguing the motion on Mr. Stillman's behalf, and that he would carry affidavits setting forth full details relating to his client's income and resources.

John F. Brennan, one of the staff of attorneys representing Mrs. Stillman, said that he would be ready to proceed with the argument to-morrow, and it was learned that Justice Morechauser had placed the case at the top of the court calendar.

SWANN RETURNS FROM VACATION IN FLORIDA

'Looks Better Than in Years,'
Says His Assistant.

District Attorney Edward Swann, who has been on vacation in St. Petersburg, Fla., for the last month, returned to New York Friday and appeared yesterday in his office. He was current that Swann intended to resign his office, but this was denied by Banton.

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SPRING WOODED BY SUMMER AT 80 FLITS BACK TO WINTER

Beats Her March Record for Ardent Fickleness and
Then, Turning Cool, She Awaits Coming of
Jack Frost To-morrow Morning.

Spring smashed her March record for ardency yesterday, driving the mercury up to 80 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, thus beating by two degrees her best previous March performance in the fifty years that Uncle Sam has been keeping an official thermometer. The former hottest March day was on the 30th in 1910. But the maximum temperature to-day is going to be perhaps thirty degrees cooler than the perspiring top notch of yesterday. There is even a chance that frost may nip some of the buds that were tempted to open under the inspiration of the summer-like sunshine.

The shift of the wind to northwest in the afternoon started the silver tumbling down the tube and in five hours the air felt as if winter were on the way back, the temperature falling to 64 at 6 o'clock last night, with a stiff wind of between 45 and 50 miles making it seem much cooler. The local prophet, James H. Starr, said the drop would reach 45 before sunup to-day.

In all sections of the Atlantic Coast higher temperatures were recorded yesterday than have ever before been seen on March. Washington led nearly a dozen cities in the coastal region with an official temperature of 59 and a street level temperature, as measured by Government thermometers, of 59. Philadelphia reported a temperature of 52, Boston 42, Hartford 32, Portland, Me., 28, Baltimore 28 and Raleigh 28. Last night in these sections, however, temperatures were reported to be declining faster than they ascended, a cold wave having overpread the country east of the Mississippi and even extending beyond that river, as snow is reported from Kansas and freezing weather in the Texas Panhandle. In Morehead, Minn., last night it was 18 above zero.

The cold wave is caused by the passage up the St. Lawrence Valley of a cyclone of much intensity. This disturbance drags into its maw the frigid weather from the arctic regions northwest. There is a possibility of the mercury going almost to the freezing point of 32 before to-morrow morning. While that will not be a late March record it will be a remarkable contrast with the summery altitude of 80.

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Stubbs and his wife marshalled their six children, among them Helen, 15, and Webster, 23, across the street from their home, and watched while the fire spread from the factory building and gained headway in the roof. They saw the flames dip down into the structure, and in a few moments the third floor was burning and the fire was getting a foothold in the second floor. It was just about this time that Helen Stubbs remembered that her four little kittens were in the bathroom on the second floor. It appeared as if their fifty-four lives would be lost.

"Daddy," said Helen, "I'm going back to get Minnie and Tom."

Stubbs tried to stop her, and so did her brother, but the girl dodged under their arms and plunged into the burning building. Webster broke loose from his father and mother and ran after her, and half a dozen firemen who had heard the words "Tom and Minnie" thought the girl and her brother had gone into the place to rescue some children. They dropped their hose and ran in after them. A policeman ran from his post and followed, and a man who had been watching the fire from behind the policeman's back came tumbling at his heels. At least a dozen persons rushed into the burning Stubbs home within two minutes after Helen Stubbs had cried that Tom and Minnie were in there.

The police, the firemen and the crowd thrust their heads and hands into the building, and perhaps invalid old women followed. The crowd pressed as close as possible, the firemen turned extra lines of hose, and the policeman pushed their lines back and did their best to hold the eager crowd in check. They could hear Helen Stubbs, inside the house, crying for Tom and Minnie, and the crowd soon several of the police were closest to the building heard the weeping of cats.

And then through the doorway came Helen Stubbs, her hair singed a bit, her face covered with dirt and smudged with smoke, but with Minnie and the four kittens clasped safely in her arms. Behind her came Webster Stubbs carrying Tom and Minnie, and the crowd rushed to the rescue of the cats. No one was hurt, although all of the human hands smoked and blackened hands. The cats looked as fresh as if they had just stepped from a handbox.

The police and the firemen said that they had no idea how the fire started. The factory building was a frame structure, as was the Stubbs home, and burned so briskly and was so filled with inflammable materials that the four alarms were turned in quickly as a matter of precaution. It was also for this reason that the hundred and more families were ordered to vacate their apartments. All of them excepting the Stubbs family were able to move back after the fire was under control. The eight Stubbses and Tom and Minnie and the kittens went to the homes of neighbors.

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Stubbs and his wife marshalled their six children, among them Helen, 15, and Webster, 23, across the street from their home, and watched while the fire spread from the factory building and gained headway in the roof. They saw the flames dip down into the structure, and in a few moments the third floor was burning and the fire was getting a foothold in the second floor. It was just about this time that Helen Stubbs remembered that her four little kittens were in the bathroom on the second floor. It appeared as if their fifty-four lives would be lost.

"Daddy," said Helen, "I'm going back to get Minnie and Tom."

Stubbs tried to stop her, and so did her brother, but the girl dodged under their arms and plunged into the burning building. Webster broke loose from his father and mother and ran after her, and half a dozen firemen who had heard the words "Tom and Minnie" thought the girl and her brother had gone into the place to rescue some children. They dropped their hose and ran in after them. A policeman ran from his post and followed, and a man who had been watching the fire from behind the policeman's back came tumbling at his heels. At least a dozen persons rushed into the burning Stubbs home within two minutes after Helen Stubbs had cried that Tom and Minnie were in there.

The police, the firemen and the crowd thrust their heads and hands into the building, and perhaps invalid old women followed. The crowd pressed as close as possible, the firemen turned extra lines of hose, and the policeman pushed their lines back and did their best to hold the eager crowd in check. They could hear Helen Stubbs, inside the house, crying for Tom and Minnie, and the crowd soon several of the police were closest to the building heard the weeping of cats.

And then through the doorway came Helen Stubbs, her hair singed a bit, her face covered with dirt and smudged with smoke, but with Minnie and the four kittens clasped safely in her arms. Behind her came Webster Stubbs carrying Tom and Minnie, and the crowd rushed to the rescue of the cats. No one was hurt, although all of the human hands smoked and blackened hands. The cats looked as fresh as if they had just stepped from a handbox.

The police and the firemen said that they had no idea how the fire started. The factory building was a frame structure, as was the Stubbs home, and burned so briskly and was so filled with inflammable materials that the four alarms were turned in quickly as a matter of precaution. It was also for this reason that the hundred and more families were ordered to vacate their apartments. All of them excepting the Stubbs family were able to move back after the fire was under control. The eight Stubbses and Tom and Minnie and the kittens went to the homes of neighbors.

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